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**Thank you to all the
producers who
responded to the
2010 County Agricultural
Production Survey!**

The results - crop county
estimates - can be found at
www.nass.usda.gov/mn

The complete county estimates
release schedule is available at
www.nass.usda.gov

Thank you again for your support
of this program.

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CORN, SOYBEAN, AND MILK PRICES UP

Prices received by
Minnesota farmers for
corn for February
averaged \$5.50 per
bushel, an increase of
\$0.78 from the
January price.
Soybeans were up
\$0.60, to a February
price of \$11.80 per
bushel.

The all milk price for
February, at \$18.90
per cwt., was up
\$2.70 from January.

The U.S. All Farm
Products Index of
Prices Received by
Farmers in February,
at 168 percent, based
on 1990-92=100, is
up 2.4 percent from
the January index.
The Crop Index is
198, up 6.5 percent
from January. The
Livestock & Products
Index, at 141, is up
2.9 percent from
January.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

| Commodity And Unit | U.S. | Minnesota | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Feb 2011 1/ | Feb 2010 2/ | Jan 2011 2/ |
| Barley, Feed & Malting, bu... | 4.36 | 4.48 | 3/ |
| Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt... | 28.20 | 35.90 | 28.00 |
| Corn, bu..... | 5.66 | 3.57 | 4.72 |
| Hay, All Baled, ton | 116.00 | 114.00 | 91.00 |
| Alfalfa, Baled, ton..... | 127.00 | 125.00 | 100.00 |
| Other, Baled, ton..... | 93.90 | 85.00 | 75.00 |
| Oats, bu | 3.38 | 1.98 | 2.87 |
| Potatoes, cwt | 9.33 | 7.00 | 6.80 |
| Soybeans, bu | 12.10 | 9.16 | 11.20 |
| Sunflowers, All, cwt..... | 25.20 | 19.30 | 20.90 |
| Wheat, All, bu | 8.56 | 4.66 | 6.74 |
| Milk, All, cwt..... | 18.40 | 15.90 | 16.20 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

| Item | Jan 2010 | Feb 2010 | Jan 2011 | Feb 2011 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Prices Received..... | 140 | 135 | 164 | 168 |
| Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates) | 181 | 180 | 194 | 197 |
| Parity Ratio 1/ | 77 | 75 | 85 | 85 |

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

| Commodities | Feb 2010 1/ | Jan 2011 1/ | Feb 2011 2/ |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| All Farm Products | 135 | 164 | 168 |
| Crops | 148 | 186 | 198 |
| Meat Animals | 114 | 140 | 141 |
| Dairy Products | 122 | 128 | 141 |
| Poultry & Eggs | 145 | 141 | 142 |

* Revised 1/ Entire month data. 2/ Preliminary.

HIRED WORKERS DOWN SLIGHTLY IN LAKE REGION; WAGE RATES UP 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

Lake Region: There were 45,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region (Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin) the week of January 9-15, 2011. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$11.85 per hour during the January 2011 survey week, up 63 cents from January 2010. The number of hours worked averaged 36.0 for hired workers during the survey week, compared with 33.8 hours in January 2010. Minnesota experienced fairly average weather during the week. A couple snow events left varying accumulations throughout the state. Snow depth was greater than average due to a number of snow storms earlier in the season.

| WORKERS ON FARMS, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS, LAKE REGION AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2011 | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Workers on Farms Hired Workers ^{3/} Hours Worked Hired Workers ^{3/} Workers By Work Type Field Livestock Field & Livestock All Workers ^{3/} | Lake Region ^{1/} | | | United States ^{2/} | | |
| | January 10-16 2010 | October 10-16 2010 | January 9-15 2011 | January 10-16 2010 | October 10-16 2010 | January 9-15 2011 |
| | 1,000 Workers | | | | | |
| | 46 | 67 | 45 | 612 | 827 | 602 |
| | Hours Per Week | | | | | |
| | 33.8 | 37.5 | 36.0 | 37.2 | 41.7 | 38.9 |
| | Dollars Per Hour | | | | | |
| | 11.12 11.58 11.76 | | | 10.10 10.49 10.23 | | |
| | 9.97 10.06 10.45 | | | 10.31 10.28 10.52 | | |
| | 10.30 11.05 10.90 | | | 10.18 10.43 10.35 | | |
| 11.22 11.88 11.85 | | | 11.08 11.13 11.29 | | | |
| 1/ Lake Region = Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin. 2/ Excludes Alaska. 3/ Excludes agricultural service workers. | | | | | | |

FALL POTATO STOCKS, MARCH 1, 2010-2011

| STATE | March 1, 2010 Stocks (1,000 cwt) | March 1, 2011 Stocks (1,000 cwt) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Idaho | 67,500 | 54,500 |
| Washington | 34,900 | 25,700 |
| Wisconsin | 11,100 | 8,100 |
| Oregon | 10,700 | 10,100 |
| Colorado | 10,500 | 9,600 |
| Minnesota | 8,300 | 7,300 |
| Maine | 7,800 | 7,900 |
| North Dakota | 7,000 | 8,100 |
| Michigan | 3,500 | 4,100 |
| Nebraska | 3,300 | 3,000 |
| Montana | 3,100 | 3,300 |
| California | 1,100 | 900 |
| New York | 900 | 800 |
| 13 State Total | 169,700 | 143,400 |

MINNESOTA FARM NUMBERS

The 2010 total number of farms in Minnesota was estimated at 81,000, the same as 2009. The number of farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class, at 36,300, was down 100 from 2009. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic sales class were down 100 farms, at 21,800.

Farms in the \$100,000-\$249,000 economic sales class were 9,400, the same as 2009. Farms in the \$250,000-\$499,000 economic class were numbered at 6,800, up 300 from 2009. Farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class were down 100, at 6,700.

A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Government payments are included as sales.

NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND AVERAGE SIZE: Minnesota, 1998-2010 1/

| Year | Number of Farms | Land in Farms | Average Size of Farms |
|------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | <u>Number</u> | <u>1,000 Acres</u> | <u>Acres</u> |
| 1998 | 80,000 | 28,600 | 357 |
| 1999 | 81,000 | 28,200 | 348 |
| 2000 | 81,000 | 27,900 | 344 |
| 2001 | 81,000 | 27,800 | 343 |
| 2002 | 80,900 | 27,800 | 344 |
| 2003 | 80,000 | 27,600 | 345 |
| 2004 | 79,600 | 27,400 | 344 |
| 2005 | 79,600 | 27,200 | 342 |
| 2006 | 79,300 | 27,000 | 340 |
| 2007 | 81,000 | 26,900 | 332 |
| 2008 | 81,000 | 26,900 | 332 |
| 2009 | 81,000 | 26,900 | 332 |
| 2010 | 81,000 | 26,900 | 332 |

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

NUMBER OF FARMS: By Economic Sales Class Minnesota, 2004-2010

| Year | \$1,000- \$9,999 | \$10,000- \$99,999 | \$100,000- \$249,000 | \$250,000- \$499,000 | \$500,000 & Over | Total |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| | <u>Number</u> | | | | | |
| 2004 | 34,800 | 25,500 | 9,900 | 5,400 | 4,000 | 79,600 |
| 2005 | 34,800 | 25,400 | 9,900 | 5,500 | 4,000 | 79,600 |
| 2006 | 34,500 | 25,200 | 9,900 | 5,600 | 4,100 | 79,300 |
| 2007 | 36,500 | 21,900 | 9,500 | 6,400 | 6,700 | 81,000 |
| 2008 | 36,500 | 21,900 | 9,400 | 6,400 | 6,800 | 81,000 |
| 2009 | 36,400 | 21,900 | 9,400 | 6,500 | 6,800 | 81,000 |
| 2010 | 36,300 | 21,800 | 9,400 | 6,800 | 6,700 | 81,000 |

LAND IN FARMS: By Economic Sales Class Minnesota, 2004-2010

| Year | \$1,000- \$9,999 | \$10,000- \$99,999 | \$100,000- \$249,000 | \$250,000- \$499,000 | \$500,000 & Over | Total |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| | <u>1,000 Acres</u> | | | | | |
| 2004 | 3,000 | 6,700 | 5,900 | 5,400 | 6,400 | 27,400 |
| 2005 | 2,900 | 6,600 | 5,800 | 5,300 | 6,600 | 27,200 |
| 2006 | 2,800 | 6,400 | 5,800 | 5,300 | 6,700 | 27,000 |
| 2007 | 3,200 | 4,800 | 4,200 | 4,800 | 9,900 | 26,900 |
| 2008 | 3,200 | 4,800 | 4,200 | 4,800 | 9,900 | 26,900 |
| 2009 | 3,100 | 4,800 | 4,200 | 4,800 | 10,000 | 26,900 |
| 2010 | 3,000 | 4,800 | 4,200 | 4,900 | 10,000 | 26,900 |

JANUARY EGG OUTPUT NEARLY EQUAL TO LAST YEAR

Minnesota layers produced 241 million eggs during January 2011 versus 242 million in January 2010. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.83 billion eggs in January, up one percent from a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - JANUARY

| | | 2010 | 2011 |
|---------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| Total Eggs Produced | MN | 242 Mil. | 241 Mil. |
| | U.S. | 7,724 Mil. | 7,828 Mil. |
| Number of Layers | MN | 10.3 Mil. | 10.4 Mil. |
| | U.S. | 340.6 Mil. | 342.0 Mil. |
| Eggs per 100 Layers | MN | 2,351 | 2,318 |
| | U.S. | 2,268 | 2,289 |
| CHICKENS: | | | |
| Hatched (January) | | | |
| Egg-Type | U.S. | 38.8 Mil. | 41.4 Mil. |
| Broiler-Type | U.S. | 775.6 Mil. | 781.1 Mil. |
| Eggs in Incubators (February 1) | | | |
| Egg-Type | WNC* | 8.7 Mil. | 8.3 Mil. |
| | U.S. | 39.3 Mil. | 39.7 Mil. |
| Broiler-Type | WNC* | 27.8 Mil. | 27.9 Mil. |
| | U.S. | 627.8 Mil. | 634.2 Mil. |
| TURKEYS: | | | |
| Hatched (January) | WNC* | 9.5 Mil. | 1/ |
| | U.S. | 22.5 Mil. | 23.8 Mil. |
| Eggs in Incubators (February 1) | WNC* | 10.8 Mil. | 1/ |
| | U.S. | 26.8 Mil. | 28.2 Mil. |

1/ No longer published.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

FEBRUARY MILK OUTPUT DOWN SLIGHTLY IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 704 million pounds, the state's February milk production was down slightly from February 2010.

Output per cow was 1,495 pounds in February, down 15 pounds from last February. Milk cows for February averaged 471,000 head, up 1,000 from January, and also up 1,000 head from one year ago.

February 2011 milk output in the 23 major states was 14.0 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from February 2010. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.40 million head, up 81,000 head from the previous year. At 1,666 pounds, production per cow was up 24 pounds from February 2010.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2011 MILK STATS

| State | Milk Production | | Percent of Previous Year | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | Jan | Feb | Jan | Feb |
| | Million Lbs. | | Percent | |
| California | 3,390 | 3,162 | 100.6 | 102.4 |
| Idaho | 1,066 | 968 | 104.0 | 103.4 |
| Minnesota | 766 | 704 | 99.1 | 99.2 |
| New York | 1,083 | 988 | 104.4 | 103.8 |
| Pennsylvania | 891 | 820 | 101.0 | 99.8 |
| Wisconsin | 2,195 | 2,007 | 101.3 | 100.5 |
| 23 States | 15,213 | 14,001 | 102.5 | 102.4 |

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